

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1948 - SB 1904

March 16, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any person, including a health care professional, who is aware of serious harm, bodily injury, or death as the result of medical malpractice to make a confidential report to the Board of Medical Examiners. Any person making such a report would provide information on the name and address of the person harmed, the nature and extent of the injury, the name of the person who caused the injury and any other relevant information. The board could use the information in determining if disciplinary action against the person is warranted and justified. It would be a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fine to knowingly fail to report harm, injury, or death caused by medical malpractice.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- the bill can be implemented within existing resources.
- a small increase in local government revenues from misdemeanor fines. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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